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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L., SR.

Finding microfilms of state department secrets in a hollow pumpkin in someone's barnyard, doesn't really seem secretive, does it? We wonder if the Russians haven't learned everything we know and a lot of things Tom, Dick and Harry in the U. S. never knew. Too bad Secretary George Marshall had to be annoyed by the antics of our state department spies, just at the time when Madame Chiang was pestering him for a billion or two of U. S. aid in the war on Chinese Communists.

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And speaking of espionage, how do any of us know those microfilms buried in a pumpkin, were not a trap, a piece of counter-espionage, put there just to deceive the wily Russ. According to newspaper accounts those films are a trifle old. They were run off some time in 1937 and 1938, letters of diplomats to the secretary of state. Might be interesting in revealing the state of mind of the United States in those years, but we were letting Russia severely alone, not exchanging diplomats or sending gifts of butter. But if we wouldn't go to Russia, Russia could and did come to us via the espionage route. This indicates how wrong we were. Who would have thought in those days that we would be feeding the millions of Berlin via the same route Elijah was fed, because this Stalin has cut off all other routes.

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Later on, of course, our American boys who had crashed across the river Rhine, were ordered to wait while the slow moving Russians pounded Belin to rubble and moved in.

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The Germans, great hands for saving face, were anxious, as it turned out, to surrender to Uncle Sam, for your uncle is usually a gentleman when accepting enemy swords. They much preferred to surrender to our generals rather than the Russians. Probably they would have thrown in the towel if the demand for Berlin's surrender had been made by U. S. Army forces. But to the Russians they gave the last measure of resistance, with the result that Berlin was reduced, in most part, to rubble. But let us not forget that in those days Stalin was a great American hero.

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But getting back to those microfilms, which in view of the lack of honor in which Russia was held when they were taken, must ave been even more treasonable than they now seem, what in the world were those photographic negatives doing in a pumpkin? The most important secret, or so it appears, that we now wish to keep from Russia, is the secret of making and setting off atomic bombs. And since there was no atomic secret in, say, 1937, why the pumpkin? Indeed, why the film?

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Well, let us hazard a guess. Probably the Russian Politburo ever since we refused to exchange diplomats with them, has had an intense interest in what our state department is thinking and doing. Having acquired a following in the U S. the Russians proceeded to use it. They turned their full attention to everything going on in our state department. The politburo was looking ahead, undoubtedly. They wanted to know how much they could expect to get, just how much we were prepared to yield, and when and where. Having learned, they proceeded to demand that and more.

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So that is why the Americans gave first entrance to Berlin to the Russians, divided Korea with them, let them linger in Manchuria, let them have their way with Poland, and sliced Germany in such a way that we must pass through the Russian occupation zone to reach Berlin. The Bear That Walks Like A Man looked much further ahead than did we. Stalin played Uncle Sam for a sucker and was able to do it because of his excellent espionage system.

Doctors Honor Physician J. Gordon Macket

GRASS VALLEY: Honoring J. Gordon Macket for 45 years of service in medicine, members of the Sierra, Placer and Nevada Counties Medical Society last evening gathered at dinner in the Indian Mountain Ranch resort.

Dr. Macket began his practice in Towle, Placer County, from there moved to Truckee in 1906 and continued his term of practice in Auburn, by moving there in 1912.

Congregational Church Gets Bus For Sunday School Transportation

GRASS VALLEY: Rev. W. W. Turner of the Congregational Church has announced the purchase of a bus seating 29 to bring Sunday School students to the church. First use of the bus will be Saturday night when it will take a load of young people to Sacramento to attend Youth for Christ rally.

The new bus seats 29 and is similar in appearance to the Nevada City-Grass Valley bus.

HYDRAULIC ASSN. MEETS

GRASS VALLEY: The California Hydraulic Mining Association will hold its December meeting in Bret Harte Inn, Sunday. December 12th, at 2 P. M. The usual 1 o'clock luncheon will precede the meeting. George Hallock will preside.

CAR WRECKED, HEAD THROUGH WINDSHIELD; MAN NOW RECOVERING

GRASS VALLEY: George Molineaux of Reno lies in a local hospital suffering from shock and loss of blood which resulted from an automobile accident on the Colfax Highway Sunday evening.

According to the victim he was driving toward Grass Valley when he was crowded off the highway by a skidding truck. His car struck a tree. The impact thrust his head through the windshield. A Grass Valley motorist noted his plight and took him in his own car to a hospital. Three blood transfusions were given him.

DONATION DAY MARCH SET FOR DEC. 17TH

GRASS VALLEY: The annual Donation Day parade, it is announced by the Ladies Relief Society, will take place December 17th, the last day of school before the Christmas vacation.

The society sponsors the parade, arranges the program and distributes the food contributed later in the same day to needy families in the city and the district.

The merchants have been asked by the sponsors to march in the parade, to resume the old-time spirit of Donation Day when the entire community turned out to donate food to the less fortunate families.

WM. GOUDGE RE-ELECTED TO HEAD M.W.P.L.

GRASS VALLEY: William Goudge, chosen president of the Mine Workers Protective League last August when Richard Lambie resigned, has been re-elected to a year's term by the members.

No formal vote was taken for the new set of officers nominated by the committee. The secretary was asked to cast a ballot for the following: president, William Goudge; vice president, Thomas G. Mackay; recording secretary, Phil Angove; financial secretary, Richard Trathen; treasurer, Thomas C. Mackay; doorkeeper, Ed Baldwin; trustee, W. T. Terrill; auditing committee, D. D. Kitts; eecutive committee, William Penaluna, Walter Fletcher, Caribeno Orzalli, Lucian Cowles, Kenneth Hodgkin and Del Bennetts.

The terms of trustees Fred J. Carter and R. J. Bennallack, and the auditing committeemen, Frank Bennallack and Charles Hatch, continue for another year.

Florence Chellew Weds Hardy O. Hogan

GRASS VALLEY: Florence Chellew and Hardy O. Hogan were married by candlelight last Sunday in the Methodist Church with Rev. Donald Getty conducting the ceremony.

James Chellew gave his daughter in marriage. Maid of honor was a sister of the bride, Marlene Chellew, and best man was a brother of the bridegroom, Leon Hogan. Bridesmaids were Miss Shirley Yeo and Mrs. Joyce Lloyd. Ushers were Leonard Martin and Edward Schimki. Flower girls were Linda Ostlund and Lynette Tamietti.

At the reception in Wesley Hall the wedding cake was cut by the bride's cousin, Mrs. Laura Partridge, and served with other refreshments by Kay Gallino, Roberta Heather, Midge Gallino and Norma Gallino. The couple are spending their honeymoon in San Francisco.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Chellew of Grass Valley. Her husband is a native of Plummerville, Arkansas, and is employed in the Miners Foundry, Nevada City. During the late war he served three years in the U. S. Marines.

CIVIC CLUB SEEKS CAST OFF TOYS

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada City Civic Club has appealed to the public for cast off toys, beads or children's books for a group of Indian children now confined in Weimar Sanitarium, Placer County. Their ages run from 6 to 16. Boxes have been placed in the Antique Shoppe and the Broadway Beauty Shoppe for those who have toys and other articles that might make these children happy on Christmas Day

FOOTBALL DINNER

GRASS VALLEY: The high school football squad numbering 75 players were guests at dinner Wednesday of the Grass Valley Lions Club. The dinner was given in the high school cafeteria.

The Junior Varsity was this year's champion of the Sierra Foothill League. Pictures of the Golden Bear team in action were showen in technicolor movies. William Valdon was program chairman.

ELKS ENJOYING GAY DECEMBER

NEVADA CITY: The Elks, under the direction of Exalted Ruler John Sbaffi, are enjoying an eventful December. First party was the "Mortician's" dinner on December 2, prepared by Paul Bergemann, Charles Gordon and George Brooks.

There's the regular meeting tonight, and next Thursday, the first annual roll call. The club rooms will be open from 1 P. M., and in the evening there will be a banquet, entertainment, and an initiation during lodge meeting.

On December 31st, a giant New Year's celebration will be held. A turkey banquet will precede an evening of entertainment and revelry.

FINAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT HEARING ON JANUARY 10

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors has set January 10th for the final hearing on a proposed hospital district which will include the shores of Lake Tahoe in Placer County and the eastern part of Nevada County. They have already held a preliminary hearing.

R. N. Little of Truckee and C. W. Vernon of Tahoe City represented the petitioners at the preliminary hearing. The petition bore 329 signatures.

The committee reported that land for the site of the hospital near Truckee had been offered by Gateway Park. The donor, Richard Joseph, stated the land would be used as a memorial to his son, Richard Joseph, Jr., killed in the late war.

The Southern Pacific Company, through a representative, asked that its lands within the area be excluded.

The board held a hearing on the proposed sanitary district to include Hills Flat, Alta Hill and Glenbrook Heights. The petitioners seeks to extend the sewage lines from their district to those of Grass Valley and participate in the projected sewage disposal plant.

ROAST PORK DINNER FOR NEVADA HOSE CO.

NEVADA CITY: Nevada Hose Company No. 1, fire department, enjoyed its annual dinner Thursday night, December 2nd. Roast pork donated by Carl J. Tobiassen, supervisor elect, feateured the banquet.

In charge of the dinner was a committee consisting of Carl Foote, Cameron Larsen, and William Larsen.

Idaho, Empire Star Worked On Contract Basis

GRASS VALLEY: Most mining work now being done in the Idaho Maryland and Empire Star mines is by contract. The old system of tributers has been revived.

About 500 tons of ore daily is going through the New Brunswick mill of the Idaho Maryland Mines Corporation compared with 1100 tons daily, which was milled in the Idaho Maryland and New Brunswick before the war. The Idaho Maryland mill now works on a part time basis. Its capacity is 400 daily with that of the New Brunswick is 700 tons.

The management reports there is little turnover in mine labor now with about 260 men employed in mining.

The Empire Star also is dominated by leasing operations, though they are not so numerous. The Baker lease, which was not regarded as likely to produce much ore, ran into a very rich seam. It was specimens from this ledge which were shown at the recent State Fair in Sacramento. While not extensive, it was new and beautiful ore, uncovered by tributers.

Stockton Hill Mine Now Being Unwatered

GRASS VALLEY: Grant H. Gates, graduate from the college of mines, University of California, is engaged in unwatering the Stockton Hill Mine, which lies nine miles south of Grass Valley and one mile west of Dew Drop Inn.

Gates acquired the mine about a year ago for examination and exploration. He has removed the water from the 50 foot shaft and intends to look at the bottom of the shaft and the few driftsc that radiate from it. Gates has engaged in the first activity at Stockton Hill sisce the Woock Brothers of Lodi opened up the mine in pre-war days.

XMAS WINDOW PRIZES

GRASS VALLEY: The Grass Valley Lions Club is sponsoring the contest among business men for the best decorated Christmas window. The event will be judged on December 21. An engraved cup will go to the first place winner. Victor Montre is chairman of the Lions Committee in charge.

Entry fee for the cnotest is 50 cents per business firm.

AIRFIELD NOT LIT BUT TIPPS WAS, SUIT CHARGES

NEVADA CITY: Suit has been filed in the county clerk's office for $58,500 for damages arising from an airplane accident on Gilmore Field, Grass Valley, on the night of September 28, 1948. Tillie Muscatelli. guardian ad litem for Lillian B. Moore, a minor, is suing Frank Tipps of Grass Valley for the amount.

The plaintiff alleges that about 7.30 o'clock Frank Tipps attempted to alight on the Gilmore Airfield, unilluminated, missed setling down in time and crashed into the pine trees beyond the field. The complaint alleges that Tipps was intoxicated at the time. Miss Moore suffered a broken spine, four broken ribs, numerous cuts and abrasions, some of which were on her face, and was burned all over her body by gasoline. Medical and hospital costs to date amount to $3,500 and $5,000 more is anticipated. In addition $50,000 in general damages is demanded.

BANK OF AMERICA HONORS C. C. CARVETH

NEVADA CITY: C. C. Carveth, assistant cashier in the Nevada City branch of the Bank of America, has been presented with a diamond pin emblematic of his twenty-five years of service with the statewide organization, and has been inducted into the bank's Quarter Century Club.

Presentation was made by Senior Vice President Carl F. Wente at special ceremonies following a luncheon in the Garden Room of the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, where Carveth was the guest of 11 senior executives from the bank's headquarters.

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GOSS—In Nevada City, December 2, 1948, Jane E. Goss against Lonnie F. Goss, suit filed; cruelty.

NEW BIRTH AND DEATH FORMS IN USE IN '49

NEVADA CITY: A new form of birth and death certificate will be used as of January 1st, 1949, according to John E. Nettell, Nevada County recorder. The bureau of vital statistics states that beginning with the new year, not only will the new forms be in use but changes are made also in the permits for burial and removal.

The recorder is informed that after January 1st, only events occurring prior to that date, can be filed by using the pesent forms. New forms are to be received in the immediate future. Nettell states that it is of the greatest importance to all whom it may concern, such as doctors, hospitals, and morticians within the county to see to it that only the new forms are used beginning with the new year.

CITY LEASES AIRPORT TO WM. SWAIN

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada City Council has leased the city's airport to William Swain, veteran pilot of Salinas, Monterey County. The consideration is $100 a year for the first year, increasing $100 for each of three succeeding years or to the end of the lease.

In addition to the cash rental the lessee agrees to construct a large hangar and make certain specified improvements in the runways. Robert Evans was appointed airport commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Veale.

GOLD DIGGER'S TRAIL

Charles Scott Haley

In a fairly long lifetime, I have been scared many times for various reasons, but I cannot remember ever being in such a blue funk as those darned cows were causing me. I turned and walked toward the two that were farthest away. Hemmed as I was, the nearest exit was my mule, a third of a mile away on the other side of the lake.

At this maneuver, the maiden aunts—I assume—stopped and lowered their heads. This gave the fond mama a chance to catch up with her offspring. After a few licks to assure herself that her child had suffered no harm, she also turned to do battle. And there I was, caught in a dilemma with six horns. Fortunately, I still held the tracing, which was a yard long. Turning away from the two, I walked toward the embattled parent, but out into the margin of the lake with the tracing flying in the wind over my head.

She backed up and prepared to charge, but the sight of that strange flying white thing restrained her. The two maiden aunts followed me, but kept at a respectful distance also. It probably took me five minutes to outflank the family group, and I walked within twenty feet of them. But it seemed like hours. I still maintained a dignified reserve as I walked toward my grazing mule, but it became less dignified as I approached him and landed on his back.

As soon as the familiar sight of a man on horseback reassured the angry relatives, they stopped menacing me and turned back to graze. And although I had learned an important lesson which all cow hands know, I can still remember how lonesome I felt as I walked past that angry mother and her blatting offspring. I have had a distaste for veal ever since.

Our work was finally finished at Huayallari, and Weatherbe, who had gone back to Lima some days before, wired to Challhuanca, where the message was brought out by runner, that the party was to return to the coast with my exception. I was to proceed further inland toward the southeast and make an examination in southern Peru, in the province of Sandia. A Lima merchant, it seems, had been subsidizing a local prospector in Pucara who reported that he had found a wonderful placer on the headwaters of the Inambari, one of the upper confluences of the Amazon. Weatherbe had arranged for me to make the examination, but the fee for it would not be paid until I had returned to Lima and submitted my report. This is always dangerous business in mining unless you are dealing with people of known integrity, because if your report is unfavorable, you generally have to whistle for your money. However, I was on a fixed salary and expenses—double what I had come down on the original trip for—so I accepted the commission. All financial arrangements were to be made through the Casa Grace, who had branches through the principal cities of Peru.

So on a cold and grey afternoon in December, we struck camp. Every peon for miles around seemed intuitively to have gathered at the village to honor

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Lois 'Delighted' On Return Here

NEVADA CITY: Lois Hardy was in jubilant mood Wednesday morning. Asked if she was glad to get back to her home in the county jail here she said: "Naturally. I am delighted. I have a chance to prove my innocence."

She said she had heard from Joe Hardy a number of times. "He's always planning what a beautiful home he will get for me when he gets out. I don't know what to believe about what he is doing down there (San Quentin). One time he says he is training to be a newspaper man and the next, he is doing something with chemicals."

Reverting to her own experience in the Institution for Women at Tehachapi, she said: "I helped in the hospital down there and had a beautiful room, sheets on the bed and everything. I made 362 friends. That's the number of people staying there. When I went down there I weighed 78 pounds, now I weight 85."

B. P. W. C. MEMBERS REPRESENT NURSERY RHYMES AT PARTY

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada City Business and Professional Women's Club held its annual Christmas party last Wednesday evening, with a masquerade in which each member wore a costume representing some nursery rhyme.

Each member brought a toy, not exceeding in value 75 cents. These were gathered together later and sent to Weimar Sanitarium to the Indian children there.

Isabelle Hefelfinger was in charge of the evening's entertainment. She was assisted by Jessie Robinson, Shirley Shiffer, Adelaide Reilly, Ada Holmes, Noreen Dow, Ruth Hughes, Evonne Caswell and Eileen Mair.

B. P. W. C. PROMOTES CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

GRASS VALLEY: The Business and Professional Women's Club committee co-operating with the Grass Valley Christmas Council has issued rules governing the contest for outdoor and window displays in the residential districts.

Entry blanks will be available next week. The prizes will be announced later. The local judges will inspect the displays in the early part of Christmas week.

The committee in charge consists of Coral D. Morton, chairman, Mary Janet Ballou and Dorothy Shamberger.

CHRISTINE KITE HEADS NATIVE DAUGHTERS

NEVADA CITY: Laurel parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, on December 1st elected the following officers:

President, Christine Kite; vice president, Beryl Granholm; second vice president, Josie Muscardini; third vice president, Annie Hooper; marshal, Effie Goerring; inside sentinel, Marcell Deschwanden; outside sentinel, Annie Hallet; trustees, Lena Calanan, Minerva Wright, and Mamie Parsons; organist, June Kelly.

The parlor has made plans for its Christmas party which this year will take place December 15th.

NAUGHTY BOYS SWIG STOLEN GROG GET TIPSY, HAVE TO PAY

GRASS VALLEY: The police have arrested four teen age boys, ranging from 14 to 17, and have questioned them with regard to the theft of whiskey from a local drug store.

The youths admitted stealing a bottle of whiskey from a local store and consuming it in the local theater. One of the boys was found in an intoxicated condition. On agreement to pay for the whiskey the boys were dismissed with a sharp reprimand. Probation officer Thomas Barrett made the investigation.

WEATHERMAN'S FIELD DAY TAPERS OFF

NEVADA CITY: Jupiter Pluvius, Jack Frost and the Snow Man had a field day here in the past few days. The recent storm brought 3.25 inches of moisture, and at one time Weather Man Frederick Bush recorded 5 inches of snow.

The temperature low for the period was achieved Tuesday morning when the mercury moved to 22 degrees. The week-end storm was broken up by warm rains Monday and, on Tuesday, the area was treated to a steady Cornish drizzle.

Wednesday dawned clear and warm and Thursday bettered it.

The respite from the element's onslaught, however, is predicted to be a short one, with a new and rugged storm moving down from the North.

Total moisture for November was 2.07 inches. Last year we had 9.25 inches by the end of November and in 1946, 7.82. 1945 was a wet year, with 10.47 inches and way back in 1876, we had 16.56 inches. November in 1930 was parched—no moisture fell.

The remittitur from the State Supreme Court was received Monday in the case of the people vs. Lois Hunt Hardy, and Tuesday morning at 2 A. M. Undersheriff Otis Hardt and Mrs. Effie Goering, jail matron, left for the Institute for Women at Tehachapi to bring Lois back for her new trial on the murder charge

Judge James Snell stated that he expects to set the trial within a few days. He said he would have to arrange his calendar to accommodate the new trial.

Lois and Joseph Hardy were arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, early in August, 1947, after Lois had confessed to the murder of James McClain of Burbank, on a hillside near Hirschdale, in eastern Nevada County. She was tried and convicted on January 2nd. The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, without recommendation of mercy. She was sentenced to death in the gas chamber.

Following their review of the case the State Supreme Court ordered a retrial. Joseph Hardy, whose trial followed that of Lois, was also convicted of first degree murder but the jury recommended mercy. He is now serving a life sentence in San Quentin.

The crime for which the two were convicted was particularly revolting. McClain, an elevator man in the veterans hospital at Burbank, picked up the Hardys while driving from Salt Lake to Reno On July 28, 1947, they rented a cabin in an auto court in Reno, and according to their testimony and confessions, the next day they drove to Hirschdale. where McClain and Lois sat under the pines together. While there Joseph Hardy assertedly stole up behind him and fired three bullets through his skull.

C. OF C. TINSEL GIVES STREETS XMAS GAIETY

NEVADA CITY: The city police and street department yesterday completed decoration of the streets with splendid tinsel festoons. At Broad and Pine hangs a huge tinsel bell. Strings of gay colored lights add a vivid nighttime touch.

The decorations were partly installed before the recent storm, and they stood up well under the beating of the elements. They are designed to last for several years of ornamenting Christmas festivities.

The purchase was made by the Chamber of Commerce and the city council contributed $100 toward the total. H. F. Sofge, city councilman, and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was instrumental in making the purchase.

NEED MONEY? HUNT LIONS!

YREKA: Hardy California hunters who would like to combine business with pleasure might try mountain lion hunting in Siskiyou County, advises the Dvision of Fish and Game.

The payoff is a total of $100 for each male lion, and $110 for females. In addition to the State bounty of $50 and $60, the County Board of Supervisors will pay $50 for the hide of each panther, puma, cougar, or lion taken in the County.

TUMBLERS ENLIVEN BASKETBALL SEASON

GRASS VALLEY: A team of high tumblers will offer entertainment this year at all home basketball games. Clive Bowden, last year tumbling star, will instruct the group with the aid of several of the 1947 team.

Group advisor is Miss Elizabeth Baker, a new member of the high school faculty. Three members of last year's team who will assist this year are Mildred Nix, this year's majorette leader; Tom Pendrak and Gordon Hutchinson. New members are Jean Skinner, Pat Weed, Carol George and Lynette Key.

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HAMMILL — In Nevada City, December 2, 1948, Marion Louise Hammill against Leland Willard Hammill; suit filed; cruelty.

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COMPETITION DID THE JOB

What has been the most vital factor in licking the oil supply problem? According to one of the principal American experts in the field, the answer is competition.

He said, "There has never been such intense competition by each and every company in the important job of trying to take care of its own customers almost regardless of costs, and thus retain their good will and hold their business for the future . . . Competition alone explains the tremendous drive producers have put on to find more oil, the building of new refinery units, the opening up of old refineries and operating obsolete submarginal units, the extension and enlarging of pipe lines, and the addition of tankers and barges to the water-borne oil-carrying fleet on the scale of the last two years.

"It is competition that has prodded the industry into pouring nearly $5,000,000,000 into new facilities since 1946, spending more for that purpose each year than its total net earnings and seriously enlarging the debt it must manage in an unpredictable future."

Under a system in which competition did not exist or was minimized—as, for instance, a cartel arrangement, or government ownership or control—all this arduous and costly effort would be avoided. No company would be in danger of losing its customers because there would not be another company in a position to attract ther. Only in a competitive private enterprise system, where the very existence of any company depends upon its willingness and ability to serve the public, can so remarkable an achievement as that made by the oil industry take place.

STATE OWNERSHIP MEANS DICTATORSHIP

General Eisenhower, in his brilliant history of the war, "Crusade In Europe," describes a conversation he once had with a top Russian officer. He writes: "I tried to make him see the virtues of free enterprise. Firmly believing that without a system of free or competitive enterprise, individual political freedom cannot endure, I showed him that, as far as I was concerned, complete state ownership necessarily would involve complete dictatorship, and that the effort to escape all dictatorial rule was the reason for America's founding and growth."

The General was unable to convince his Russian counterpart, who seemed thorougly sold on government by dictation and had only contempt for free institutions. But what he said should be kept everlastingly in mind in this country, particularly at a time when forces which favor regimentation of industry and the individual, and virtually unlimited extension of the powers of the government, are using every conceivable technique to gain their ends. If anything on earth is true, it is that private ownership of property and private enterprise are the rock on which representative government of the people is based. Neither could long exist if the other were destroyed.

Throughout his book, General Eisenhower speaks of certain almost unique qualities which the American soldier possessed. These were the qualities of self-reliance, of the ability to improvise under difficulties, of individual initiative, of the talent for making the most of what they had to work and fight with. Those qualities were brought to the Army from civilian life, and they are typical of the American character. They —more than any material possession—have been responsible for building this nation in time of peace, and protecting it in time of war.

It may seem a small thing for the government to go into the electric power business and so force private enterprise out of that field in some state or region. But the big point is that such a precedent established can lead the way to more and more state ownership of other industries and resources, and more political domination of the individual—and that, as General Eisenhower said, "would involve complete dictatorship."

It is not only by chance that we have become the leader of the free nations of the world. It is the result of a philosophy of government which encouraged individual initiative.

When we surrender our individual property rights and opportunities to government, we follow in the wake of other peoples who have lost their freedom to dictators.

NUGGET RECIPES

When it comes to decorating the Christmas roast, the fun begins. It can be as sumptuous as a whole roast ham, or as budget-wise as a succulent beef pot-roast. The meat makes the meal, but it is the garnish that gives any meal a holiday air.

One important thing to remember is not to over-garnish the meat. The garnishes are only accessories and must not get in the way of proper carving or serving, points out Reba Staggs, home economist.

For instance, you might surround that whole ham with sweet potato boats filled with pineapple, she suggests. This is Christmas eating at its best.

Simmer the sweet potatoes first, then skin and hollow them out. Fill the cavities with crushed pineapple which has been mixed with a little sugar and lemon juice. Brush the potatoes with melted butter or margarine, then return to the oven to heat through.

For a king-size beef roast, there's nothing like baked apples stuffed with mincemeat as a garnish. Serve the apples hot if you're planning them for a Christmas dinner feast, or cold if you are slicing the roast and serving it for a buffet.

Symmetrical Christmas trees made of cranberry jelly are good with a fresh pork roast. Select a loin or crown roast of pork, or a fresh ham. Be sure to roast to the well-done stage, then serve with the cranberry trees. Make these by pouring jellied cranberry sauce into greased, cone-shaped paper cups. Stand the cups in water tumblers to keep them upright. To unmold, invert the paper cups. Pipe cream cheese around the trees to resemble Christmas decorations.

If you're planning a holiday buffet, any of these meats would be fine to carve at the table. Serve them on a big bread board, with washed, waxed green leaves covering the surface, and the garnishes at the sides. Carve the first round of servings yourself, then allow the guests to help themselves.

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SWEET POTATO PUFFS

2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
4 marshmallows, cut in half
1 cup crushed cornflakes
Lard for deep-fat frying

Shape ¼ cup potatoes around ½ marshmallow. Roll in crushed cornflakes. Fry in deep hot lard (360° F.) until brown. Drain on absorbent paper. 8 servings.

LAMB-CELERY RING

2 cups diced cooked lamb
1¾ cups chopped celery
2 tablespoons minced onion
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon curry powder
3 cups cubed, enriched bread
2 eggs
1 tablespoon melted lard or drippings
1¾ cups hot gravy or milk

Mix together lamb, celery, onion, salt, curry powder, bread, eggs and melted lard or drippings. Add gravy or milk and mix well. Place mixture in a well-greased 9-inch ring mold. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 1 hour. Serve with tomato sauce, if desired. 6 servings.

BANANA FRITTERS

1 cup sifted enriched flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1¼ teaspoons salt
¼ cup sugar
One-third cup milk
1 egg, beaten
2 teaspoons melted lard
3 to 4 firm bananas
2 tablespoons enriched flour
Lard for deep-fat frying

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Combine milk, egg and lard; add to dry ingredients and mix until batter is smooth. Cut each banana into 3 or 4 diagonal pieces. Roll in flour and dip in batter. Drop into deep hot lard (360° F.). Turn for even browning. Remove and drain on absorbent paper. 6 to 8 servings.

HAM AND MACARONI CASSEROLE

1 cup chopped cooked ham
¼ cup bread crumbs
1 cup hot milk
3 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1 tablespoon chopped green pepper
2 egggs, slightly beaten
2 cups cooked macaroni
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
¼ teaspoon salt

Mix crumbs and milk; add to remaining ingredients. Turn into a greased baking dish and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 1 hour. 4 servings.

SWISS SALAD

2 cups cubed left-over lamb or pork
1 cup cooked peas
French dressing
½ cup walnut meats, broken
Lettuce
Mayonnaise
Paprika
2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
6 stuffed olives, sliced

Marinate meat and peas in French dressing and chill. Add nuts and arrange on lettuce leaves. Dot with mayonnaise and sprinkle with paprika. Remove the yolks from egg slices. Arrange the white rings around the salad. Place a ring of olives inside each ring of egg white. Press the yolks of the eggs through a sieve and sprinkle over the salad. 4 to 6 servings.

SCRAPPLE

2 cups chopped cooked meat
1 quart water
½ teaspoon salt
1½ cups corn meal
½ teaspoon sage
Lard or drippings for browning

Bring water to boil. Add salt. Add corn meal slowly, stirring constantly until cooked, about 15 to 20 minutes. Add meat and sage. Put into a greased loaf pan and chill until set. Slice and brown on both sides until slightly crisp. 8 servings.

PUNCH-CARD VOTES CUT BALLOT COST

SACRAMENTO: A move to save California taxpayers an estimated $500,000 at every statewide election, was launched today by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan.

The Legislative Counsel was asked to prepare legislation amending the state elections code to make it permissive for various counties to adopt Jordan's national innovation of punch card marking of ballots.

Under Jordan's plan voters would use a simple card punching device to mark their ballots instead of the rubber stamp method now in use.

Immediately after the closing of polls on election day, punched ballots would be taken to a central place in each county where machines would automatically segregate and count the cards as to party, candidate and proposition.

As an example, Jordan said the vote count in the metropolitan area of Los Angeles would be completed by midnight of election day, or within five hours after the polls closed.

In addition to speeding up the counting of ballots, the proposed method would cut the state's present 16,000 or more precincts to about 8,000 and would reduce the number of election workers of each precinct from a marimum of eight to four.

"This system would assure accuracy by the elimination of human error, a constant menace in all elections," Jordan declared. "The initial cost would probably be saved the first election.

Just Wonderin'

I Wonder as I turn the leaves
Of Noah Webster's great best seller,
How he, in his brief span of years
Became so marvelous a speller;
He must have studied scores of books,
He must have labored day and night,
To get the syllables in place
And spell those words exactly right.

I Wonder why we so seldom pause to consider that truly amazing book, Mr. N. Webster's unabridged. Truly those who compiled it undertook a stupendous task and their labors must have at times wearied both brain and heart.

Do we quite appreciate that heavy tome which stands at all times ready to give of its great store of knowledge? Do we consult it as often as we should? Do we understand its value as a daily companion?

Once upon a time an elderly lady received a copy of the dictionary as a birthday gift; later she told the giver that she liked it immensely, but she couldn't understand the drift of the story. We may smile at the dear woman's lack of comprehension, but how many of us are in the same boat? Oh yes, we refer to our dictionary in time of need, but how often do we really stop to consider the wealth of information which may be found in a single word? History, romance, science and a score of other subjects may be found in the words which we make use of, often so carelessly.

Ours is a wonderful language—the most beautiful in the world of today, perhaps the most expressive. Its study begins with the study of words and words pave our pathway to the stars. Words build bridges from one mind to another, they are at all times our stock in trade, by their use or misuse we are judged.

The greatest writers of all times have used the English language as their medium of expression; they fashioned the words of our language into those immortal works of prose and poetry which are the treasures of each succeeding generation. In the creation of a delicate lyric or a lofty masterpiece of human speech, the English language proves adequate. In our unabridged dictionary there are words for every imaginable occasion; let us learn them and fit them to our uses.

We are often told that the short, simple words are best and indeed they are most important, but in many cases a longer word saves several smaller words from being overworked; therefore let's get acquainted with words of every length and size. Finding just the right word for certain uses is not so difficult a task—that is if we are word lovers and know the life and strength which is inherent in them.

Sometimes I think that spelling is the most important of our studies. We cannot obtain swift and authoritative aid from our dictionaries if we cannot spell the word we wish to find. We waste time and sometimes lose faith in the big book when we search for it with the wrong spelling in mind. We might well look with respect upon the humble spelling book for it is a ladder upon which to climb. Of that there can be no doubt.

The English language is not a hard one to learn; it presents difficulties, to be sure, but we are not overburdened with inflections and its grammatical forms are easily explained and acquired. It is something which we make use of every day, something which marks us for what we are, something which reveals our mental equipment, something which may make or break us. Yet it is all important, this language of ours and with Mr. N. Webster to aid us, there is no reason why we should falter or stumble unduly in its use.

Adeline Merriam Conner

FACTS OF LIFE

A good many people seem to believe that next year something resembling the old OPA will be brought back from the dead, and prices will immediately drop.

This is one of those illusions that should be scotched as soon as possible. For, regardless of what the law may or may not attempt to do, there are certain economic principles involved which are as inevitable as the movement of the planets.

First of all, no one will produce anything at a oss. We could pass a law, for instance, saying that a dozen eggs shall be sold for twenty-five cents, and a good suit of clothes sold for twenty dollars. But no farmer would produce those eggs, and no manufacturer wuld make the suit—for the simple reason that bankruptcy would follow.

Secondly, we cannot make any merchant handle goods at a loss. Today, for instance, typical retail stores, including both the big chain systems and many independent stores, earn a smaller profit on each dollar of sales than they did under OPA. That profit, generally, runs from one or two per cent to about six cents on volume of trade, depending on the kind of goods handled. There certainly is no room in this field to make any dent in the prices paid by the consumer.

Thirdly, price fixing by fiat is the best friend the black market has. It makes for scarcity in the legitimate, law-abiding channels of trade. And it makes for abundance in undercover dealings, where the price charged is all the traffic will bear—right down to the last penny. The racketeer and his customers get the goods—the responsible merchant and the masses of people go without.

Today's prices are the result of record wages, enormous government spending, full employment, high taxes, and other such forces. Competition keeps them as low as possible. Government meddling would be the worst possible way to attack the issue.

CAMERA TOPICS

by T. T. Holden*

Ingenuity and forethought made this cute picture. What could be a better opening shot for a story about Christmas at your home than a photo this Graflex Photo Contest prize-winner by Louis A. Puggard.

GOOD PICTURES TAKE PLANNING

With Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays just around the corner, many people will look forward to capturing the highlights of these festive times with their cameras. Pictures are so wonderful to help absent members of the family share the good times. And they are the best way to make happy memories live longer.

You will enjoy your picture-taking and the resulting photographs much more if you take a few minutes beforehand to plan out your shots. It is the best way to make sure your pictures will be interesting and good insurance against forgetting to make the photos that later you will wish you had.

Some people like to make a complete story out of their party pictures, but you needn't be so ambitious if you don't like. At least jot down a list of the people you will want to photograph and another column of the incidents you can expect to happen: guests arriving, Dad carving the turkey, the kids doing the dishes, etc. Then plan who you will have in each picture and how you can arrange them for the greatest interest. Remember, pictures of people doing things are always more interesting.

Make mental notes at least as to the best time to get various shots so you won't let an opportunity slip by or pick a time when people are too busy to want to bother with pictures. The more candid your pictures seem the better, though you may have to do some arranging of people and furniture for best effect. But don't annoy your subjects by fussing with equipment too much or making them pose for long periods. Much as they will enjoy the pictures later, most subjects find posing a strain that they cannot stand long.

The more carefully you plan your picture-making beforehand, the easier you will find it to get the shots you want most without disrupting the party, the more fun you will have yourself making the pictures and the more enjoyable your photos will be for all who see them.

*Graflex Photo Director

California CROP Gifts to Feed These

Child in Austria searches garbage cans for food to keep alive.

Children in Romania wait at gate for distribution of American food.

BERKELEY—Hungry children such as the ones shown here will benefit most from contributions of food given by rural folks of the state to the California CROP Christmas train for overseas relief. Among others who will benefit will be those in hospitals, widows, and the aged.

All contributions will be distributed on the basis of greatest need, according to Stuart Pratt, state director for the Christian Rural Overseas program (CROP), which is sponsoring a CROP Christmas train in 24 different states.

Farm commodities especially needed include seed cotton, dried fruit, nuts, dairy products, and grains. Contributions are now being received and the first section of the train will be assembled about Dec. 7. Local church leaders and county agents are assisting in the work.

Half-starved, ill-clothed children in Czechoslovakia get CROP milk.

TAILINGS

By Jim Towne

DECEMBER. The twelfth month of the year, named from the Latin decem, ten. December was also the last month in the Roman calendar, but it had only ten months.

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MILTON. One of England's great poets was a December child. He was born in London, December 9, 1608. His great epic "Paradise Lost", is his best known work, and is a classic in English literature. Milton was an ardent advocate for civil and religious liberty. When the Commonwealth was established, he was appointed Latin secretary to the Council of State in 1649. Not even total blindness could daunt this man.

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DECORATIONS. The early display of holiday spirit is a forerunner of the Christmas to come. Predicted by many to be the best since the late war, we assume commercially, everyone should be satisfied. But those who count a successful holiday by the dollar sign, are poorer than those who add up friendship and good will. How poor, indeed, is the person who does not receive a greeting card or gift, though possessed of monetary wealth.

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SEALS. These little bits of cheery Christmas greeting, that help keep up the fight against tuberculosis, have proven their worth. The x-ray service recently offered was, in part, due to the sale of the Christmas seals. Have you purchased your hundred greeters of cheer? One dollar is a small sacrifice to make for such a great and good cause that they represent.

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ARCHER. We are still in his sign. If this is your birth date you are active mentally and physically. You like to hike and go out for sports. You also enjoy a good debate and will argue points with the best of them. You love to travel and if you're not actually going to some place, you go there via a book and your imagination.

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He that has light within his own clear brest
May sit i' th' center, and enjoy bright day:
But he that hides a dark soul and foul thoughts
Benighted walks under the mid-day sun;
Himself is his own dungeon.

Milton

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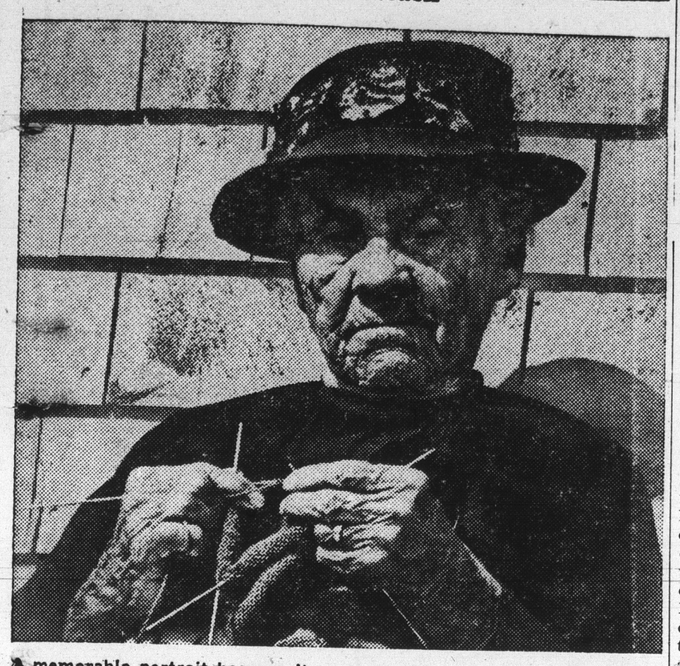

A memorable portrait because it captures the subject's personality and character so well, this prize-winning picture from the Graflex Photo Contest was planned and taken by Dr. I. W. Schmidt.

PORTRAITS REQUIRE PSYCHOLOGY

All of us from time to time feel the urge to take a formal portrait of some friend or relative. And too often we are unhappy with the result. We can't put our finger on the reasons for failure but we know the picture looks more like a rogue's gallery photo than a portrait.

The mechanics of setting up your camera and lighting a portrait are simple, and can be learned through photographic articles or a chat with your camera dealer. But the all-important problem of posing the subject is the hard job that must be learned through practice and experiment.

The difference between an identification photo or snapshot and a portrait is that the former just says this is what John Smith looks like while the portrait tries to capture some of the subject's personality and tell the viewer what John Smith is like as a person.

The job of putting personality into a portrait is the photographer's responsibility. It consists of posing the subject in appropriate surroundings and making him completely comfortable. The old-fashioned stiff pose in a straight chair is out. If he is a regular pipe smoker, he should hold or smoke his pipe. If he is a jovial, smiling person no attempt should be made to make him look serious.

Top-notch portrait photographers try to keep the subject's mind off the camera as much as possible by engaging him in conversation. The more interested the subject becomes in the topic of discussion, the more he will relax and look natural. Then the photographer has only to look for expressive instants and be ready to trip the shutter at the best moment.

*Graflex Photo Director

NEW 'APE MAN' REPORTED BY U. C.

BERKELEY: Excavation of the fossil remains of a huge, ancient ape man, the largest such creature yet known to science, has been reported to the University of California by a party of the University's African Expedition working near Johannesburg, South Africa.

The creature's remains were discovered by Dr. Robert Broom, eminent South African paleontologist now working with the expedition. The discovery was reported by cable to Wendell Phillips, leader of the expedition, who is now in Berkeley.

The remains consist of a lower wisdom tooth, two upper incisors, an upper canine, and much of a lower jaw with three premolars and four molars. Dr. Broom said the jaw is massive, and some of the teeth are typically human and larger than those in the recently discovered giant Java Man.

"On the evidence to date," Dr. Broom said, "we can say that a new type of ape man has been discovered, larger than those previously known. Already conclusive evidence has been obtained that these ape men are alike, and probably ancestral, to man, and not closely related to living apes."

The new ape man is called the Swartkrans man, after the place of discovery, a limestone cave at Swartkrans, near Johannesburg. The size of the animal is in contrast to earlier ape men specimens, these being a little more than four feet tall. The Java Man, a true human type as differentiated from the near-human "ape men," stood about nine feet tall and was probably more than twice the size of modern man.

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It is trial that proves one thing weak and another strong. A house built on the sand is in fair weather just as good as builded on a rock.—Henry Ward Beecher.

THE FARMER'S CORNER

By Ralph H. Taylor

When the Eighty-first Congress convenes, tax-supported public housing schemes, and the continuation and extension of rent controls, are certain to become major questions for debate. President Truman has made it plain that he intends to champion measures providing Federal funds on an undisclosed scale for public housing construction. And administration spokesmen have stated that bills will be introduced deferring the lifting of rent controls for at least another year, possibly two.

In California, at the last election, the voters of the state turned thumbs down on a ballot proposition calling for the creation of a State Housing Authority empowered to spend $100,000,000 in State funds for public housing projects.

As one writer pointed out during the campaign against this measure, "Government is up to its ears in the housing muddle, has been for years, and the deeper it goes, the greater the muddle." Expanding on this observation, the writer further declared that "experience shows the Nation's homes can't be built any cheaper by government agencies than by private builders, for labor and materials cost the same no matter who contracts for them."

Evidently the people of California, at least, agree with this view and with the fact that the tremendous scale of privately financed building operations today is rapidly closing the gap between the availability of housing and the demand for it.

It is doubtful, however, in view of the results of the presidential election and the political complexion of Congress, that the majority of the nation's lawmakers will view public housing projects with the baleful eye that California voters turned on them. There appears to be a slight doubt that a Federal public housing scheme will have strong support. Its opponents, however, will not permit their case to be lost by default, and by their efforts are sure to exercise at least a modifying influence on the scope of such legislation.

On the subject of rent controls, it is quite probable that their extension will be voted. The only dubious factors appear to be the duration of that extension, and whether or not rents not now under control—as for example, exemptions on new construction—will be brought under government supervision.

Congress, when it considers this subject, might devote some study to the experience of another nation which imposed rent controls after World War I on a "temporary" basis, extended them—again "temporarily"—from year to year, and finally finds itself, 30 years later, with controls that have turned rented homes and apartments into degrading hovels. That nation is France.

In Paris today, a dollar a month will pay a wage-earner's rent—but no rental housing is available. The situation is described by the French economist Bertrand de Jouvenel, in a publication issued by the Foundation for Economic Education. He states:

"Rent seldom rises above 4 per cent of any income; frequently it is less than 1 per cent. While you pay no more than these ridiculous prices if you are lucky enough to be in possession, on the other hand if you are in search of lodgings you cannot find them at any price. Young couples must live with in-laws, and the wife's major activity consists in watching out for deaths. Tottering old people are shadowed back to their flat by an eager young wife who will strike a bargain with the janitor so as to be first warned when the demise occurs and to be first in at the death. Other apartment chasers have an understanding with funeral parlors."

Rent control in Paris, this author states, has halted practically all housing construction. Almost 90 per cent of Parisian dwellings were built before the first World War. Owners are unable to meet operation and repair costs. Five out of six dwellings in Paris are considered almost uninhabitable from the standpoint of health and sanitation; 82 per cent of the population does not enjoy a bath or shower; more than half of the dwellers must go out of their lodgings to find a lavatory; and a fifth do not even have running water in the lodgings.

It couldn't happen here, perhaps—or could it? Perhaps we will find out a decade or two hence, if today's "temporary" rent controls, like those imposed in France, produce the same stagnation in building, renovation, and improvement.

Nevada County Long Ago -

Floy-Margaret Reynolds

20 YEARS AGO

Nevada City and vicinity was enveloped in a heavy snow storm.

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Superior Judge Raglan Tuttle drew the following panel of grand jurors: Nevada City: Joseph F. Stenger, S. Lee Leiter, G. W. Gildersleeve, Wade Armstrong, Fred Yost, and Hermine Brand; Grass Valley: C. Bierwagen, A. B. Snyder, C. E. Clinch, E. K. Smart, A. T. Jones, Bessie King, Elizabeth Hooper, Lillian Shaw, C. H. Barker, J. R. Kneebone, Louise Wales, Harold Biggs, Bernice Glasson, Gertrude Miller, George H. Shirkey, and Elizabeth Armstrong; French Corral: N. B. Bishop; North Bloomfield, William Buck; Truckee: Phil Blume, Robt. Tonini; Rough and Ready, D. M. Loney; North San Juan, H. W. Huckins; Chicago Park, Paul Ullrich; Washington, H. O. Kohler.

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Tyler, situated about four and one half miles northwest of North Columbia, was hoping to have its original name of Cherokee restored. Settled in the early '50s by a band of Cherokee Indians, it had grown into a good sized town until hydraulic mining was discontinued in the '80s and was known at different times as Melrose, Patterson and finally Tyler. There were only three families inhabiting the place in 1928—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garibaldi, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNamara, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and ents Mr. and Mrs. Oliver P. Wisler, who occupied the old Morgan Block.

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50 YEARS AGO

Messrs. Gray and Bullard had twenty men employed at the Grand Hill hydraulic claim at Canada Hill. A restraining dam was being built on Little Deer Creek and 2000 feet of pipe line and 1000 feet of sluices were being built to the South Yuba ditch. Mr. Bullard had erected a fine two story house on the claim which was to be occupied by his family who was to arrive from Los Gatos.

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The Sunset Telephone Company added eight new listings to their Nevada City exchange. They were George Richardson Undertaking Parlors, George A. Gray Undertaking Parlors, F. L. Arobgast, William H. Crawford Store, J. M. Walling residence, F. E. Wadsworth residence, Hugh Murchie residence, and C. E. Tegler Bakery.

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George M. Hughes, Lord Housman and D. E. Morgan, finance committee of the board of directors of the Citizens Bank of Nevada City, went to Grass Valley to examine the affairs of the branch bank there.

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At a meeting of the Nevada City Board of Trustees W. F. Englebright was appointed engineer to prepare plans for a sewer system. Street Superintendent Murchie was instructed to lay street crossings at Main Street across Union, Coyote Street from the town limits to the Holmes building, Main Street from Edwin Tilley's to the Congregational Church, Spring Street from the Kistle corner to Hoskins' corner, across Pine and Clark Streets at Grissell's corner, and across York Street at Broad. Mrs. Naffziger was granted permission to put in a crossing at her property on Water Street.

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75 YEARS AGO

Ah Jim, alias "Boss Tweed," a Chinese of Nevada City, was sent to the Sacramento County jail for six months for stealing twenty-five cents.

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J. R. Bordwell bought the Dutch Flat stage and express line from Leroy Crary.

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At a meeting of Manzanita Lodge, F. and A. M., held at North San Juan the following persons were elected as officers: George C. Spooner, W. M.; John T. Morgan, S. W.; James Sharp, O. W.; John A. Seeley, treasurer; and Elon White, secretary.

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Seven inches of snow fell in Nevada City during a twelve hour period.

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It was announced that the road between North Bloomfield and Eureka would be closed for the winter and communication between those two places would be by snowshoe only. The stagecoach to Moore's Flat, Lake City and North Bloomfield from Nevada City was to continue during the snow season.

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Carl A. La Crosse Body Returned Here For Buiral

GRASS VALLEY: Myers Mortuary Chapel announces they will receive the body of Carl A. La Crosse, Grass Valley war veteran killed in Italy, next Saturday, December 11th.

LaCrosse was graduated from the Grass Valley High School in 1943. Mrs. Alma LaCrosse, his mother, now residing in Hayward, Alameda County, will complete funeral arrangements this week.

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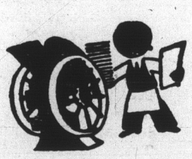
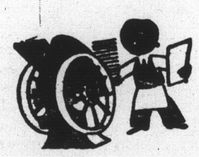
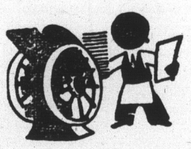

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Has your husband told you about that social security annuity which he is building up for yo, If not, according to the Social Security Administration, you may lose several thousands of dollars in monthly payments simply by failing to ask for the money when due.

It is important for all wives in the Sacramento area to know that they have valuable inhurance rights under the Social Security Act.

Payments to married women include monthly retirement benefits for the wife at 65, based on her own wage record, or wife's benefits based on her husband's work, whichever is higher; monthly survivors benefits payable to widows at 65, to younger widows caring for the wage earner's child, and to aged dependent mothers; and lump-sum benefits payable to widows when monthly payments cannot be made.

The Social Security Administration emphasized that an application must be filed in all cases before benefits can be paid. Contact your social security office at 701 K Street, Sacramento, for full information.

Christmas Workers Should Get Social Security Cards

GRASS VALLEY: The Social Security Administration in Sacramento advises all students and others who will work temporarily as salespersons and general helpers during the Christmas shopping season that a social security account card will be needed. The name and social security number of each employee in commerce or industry is reported on the quarterly tax returns filed by employers. Persons who will be working during the holiday season and who do not have their social security card, should file application for an original or duplicate account card at once. Ladies who have changed their name through marriage should file application for a duplicate card on a Change of Record form if their married name is different from the name on their account card.

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NON-PROVIDER

NEVADA CITY: E. S. Gayhart, who pleaded guilty to failure to provide and asked probation, will appear December 17th when the report of the probation officer will be read. He will probably be sentenced following the reading of the report.

Mrs. Elmer Lewis Honored At Surprise Stork Shower

GRASS VALLEY: Mrs. Elmer Lewis was the honoree at a surprise stork shower Thursday evening, December 2nd, with Mrs. Gene Hughes acting as hostess.

A buffet supper was served. Mrs. Hughes poured tea. Mrs. Clinton Park entertained the guests with several amusing magician tricks. Mrs. Lewis opened and displayed all the charming gifts.

Those attending the party were Mesdames Helen Mingus, Gertrude Stulting, William Youngman, Sr., Fannie Youngman, Iverna Pignatelli, Lorraine Davidson, Yolanda Langdon, Cora Morateur, Pauline Sullivan, Mildred Mlinarich, June Goeller, Tina Asels, Margaret Schiermann, Ethel Burgland, Nettie Pinking, Myrtle Marsh, and Bessie Schwartz of Long Beach.

Unable to be present but sending gifts were Mesdames Luella Church, B. U. Speed, Ramona McClelland, Bertha McCleod, Murle Hunt, and H. L. Blakeley.

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SIERRA NEVADA CHAMBER

NEVADA CITY: The Sierra Nevada Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting in the Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, Friday night at 8 P. M.

Gold Digger's Trail

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our departure, possibly—but probably to gather up whatever unacceptable equipment we might leave behind in the discard. I remember particularly one old crone of about ninety who kept following me around as we were cleaning up, with a continual flow of drooling Quichua appeal which I could neither understand nor shut off. Finally, in desperation, I attempted to out-talk her, for giving her a little money had only made her worse. I raised my voice as she stood in her monologue and commenced to quote from a not unlimited store of remembered poetry. Having gone the rounds of Kipling and Tennyson, I turned in desperation to the first four or five pages of the Illiad, which I had learned in the original during high school days. The rolling phrases of Homer seemed to impress her slightly, and she faltered for the first time in the afternoon. By the time I had finished with my small store of Greek, she gave up the struggle and waddled off to the others. One can never tell when a classical education may come in handy in later life.

I said goodbye to my faithful companions of several months and was rather lonesome at first, as they rode off to the west, but turned my mule's head southeast toward one of the branches of the Challhuanca River.

Behind me was my baggage mule, carrying tent, sleeping equipment and such food as the others could spare from their needs. I was on my own from now on, and had to live off the country. The most intelligent of our Quichua mozos accompanied me, as he was returning to Cuzco, where he lived whenever he was at home.

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NEW POLICY ON PHEASANT HUNTING

SAN FRANCISCO: California pheasant hunters unable to get their birds this year because of the predominance of posted land will find better going in the future if trial plans of the Fish and Game Commission work out.

Adopting recommendations of the Bureau of Game Conservation for the planting of State-raised pheasants, Commissioners at their last meeting made a significant move toward solving some of the problems facing free-lance hunters.

In the future, pheasant liberations by the Division of Fish and Game will be made only in areas that meet the following requirements:

1. Areas not exceeding 640 acres in size under one ownership that will be closed to all pheasant hunting for five years.

2. Areas of 160 acres or more that are open without fee to all who have not previously been known to have conducted themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner on that area, with or without prior application to the land owner.

Assistant Bureau Chief Ben Glading, who presented the policy to the Commission, stated pheasants will be released only on public or private lands considered by Division personnel to be totally suitable game bird habitat. Persons responsible for distribution of pheasants will consider local recommendations from game wardens, qualified sportsmen, and others.

On open hunting areas, the State agency will provide signs announcing the landowner is cooperating with the Division, and requesting written or verbal permission to hunt.

Commission President Harvey E. Hastain called on sportsmen's groups for co-operation in determining suitable areas and obtaining necessary landowner agreements.

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Society For Christian Service Luncheon

NEVADA CITY: The Women's Society for Christian Service last Wednesday held a potluck luncheon in the Methodist social hall. Circle presidents were in charge.

A general meeting followed the luncheon with a Christmas program and exchange of gifts. Singing of Christmas carols was a feature of the meeting. Mrs. Harriet Farmer had charge of the Christmas tree and Mrs. Ethel Price of the program.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. William Morgan of Oakland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas Hogan and her uncle, Louis Kelly, at their home, 311 Washington Street.

Mrs. Etta Daniels is spending the holiday season with friends in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fortier have returned from a trip to San Francisco and Carmel.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

The Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday in their church at 114 Boulder St. at 11 o'clock.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Wednesday evening testimonial meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

Our Reading Room is in the church foyer. It is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, holidays excepted, from 2 to 4 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend our services and visit our Reading Room.

"God the Preserver of Man" is the subject of the Christian Science Lesson-Sermon for Sunday, December 12. The Golden Text is taken from Isaiah: "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee" (41:13).

Included in the sermon are the following citations:

The Bible: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Exodus 14:15).

"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear,—as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy,—so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of exsitence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God" (p. 566).

Recess In Anti-Trust Transamerica Action

SAN FRANCISCO: Transamerica found the Federal Reserve Board unprepared today when the company appeared to defend itself against Anti Trust Action.

A Transamerica motion to dismiss the hearing declared the board does not have jurisdiction. Governor R. M. Evans, who sat as hearing officer for the board, recessed the procedure until "10 days after board can act on the motion". Later the board set Saturday for filing briefs

Ready for the defense, Transamerica's lawyer, Samuel B. Stewart, Jr., said "I have not asked for any postponement. I am ready to proceed."

In a reading tone, Governor Evans, who sat with a looseleaf folder before him throughout the half hour session, announced "I adjourn this session until 10:30 A. M. on the tenth day after the board's action on the motions offered here today."

Four motions were offered by Transamerica:

1. The Board does not have jurisdiction;

2. To proceed would be without process of law for it would not give Transamerica the right to subpoena witnesses in its defense;

3 Transamerica was called to defend itself thousands of miles from its place of business, contrary to express provisions within the Clayton Act which establishes venue in California, and,

4. Because the Board's complaint failed to state facts "sufficient to constitute a basis for a proceeding." This fourth motion additionally claimed that the Board violated the administrative procedures act and law under which the hearing was to be held. This was a restatement of a notice first served on the Board in September.

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RANGERS DISCUSS PLANS

NEVADA CITY: District rangers of the Tahoe National Forest gathered here Monday morning to discuss plans for the future. Their discussions were directed by Guerdon Ellis, forest supervisor, Robert Dasmann, assistant supervisor, and Howard Smith, grazing and recreation officer. There are seven ranger districts in this forest.

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Affliction is the wholesome soil of virtue, where patience, honor, sweet humility, and calm fortitude, take root and strongly flourish.—David Mallet.

rather fix than unsettle the Christian, as tempests from without only serve to root the oak more firmly in the ground.—Hannah More.

Precepts are the rules by which we ought to square our lives.—Seneca.

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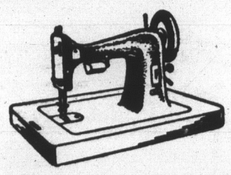

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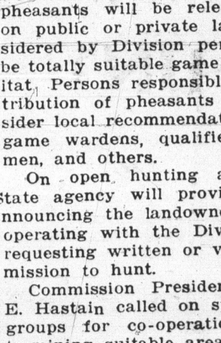

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RELIGION AND SCIENCE

Is it true that going to college weakens a student's moral fibre by exposing him to ideas that he shouldn't meet? Parents often say their children come home full of objections to the familiar way of thinking. Psychologists, for example, are often accused of destroying religious belief by presenting facts to discredit faith.

Although there are many religious beliefs, one which most Christians accept as basic to their creed is this: men are at their best when they look out for one another at least as much as they look out for themselves. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." "He that loseth his life shall gain it." "Service above self." Does such an altruistic attitude change when it meets the scientifically trained psychologist and his array of tests?

As they grow older, people change their ways of dealing with with others. The newborn infant is interested only in himself and his hungry stomach, wet diapers, or tight blanket; his parents are servants to jump when he whimpers. Furthermore, such a demanding little baby is normal, for he is completely dependent on his elders for food, shelter, and comfort.

As the months and years go by, however, he changes. He learns to walk and talk at home; he meets other little walkie-talkies at school and often finds them so much more interesting than his home that he chooses their company to that of his family. Eventually he goes to parties with some of them, and winds up dating one whom he marries. The interest in himself, the natural product of helplessness, changes as mobility increases and the world becomes more interesting. Anything that retards development of this ability to move among others on an equal basis, so that some degree of helplessness remains, leads to self-centeredness or selfishness.

If we look at adults we see many stages of improvement over original helplessness. At one extreme is the mental defective who doesn't have the intellectual capacity to develop independence. Farther along is the person whom expects mom or dad to choose the suit to wear or the car to buy. Some of these people marry, but choose someone who will assume the parents' job of deciding. Others learn to take care of themselves and make decisions, but they still need attention, which they can attract only by complaining or showing off. All these people, with their various degrees of dependence, concentrate on themselves and have time for others only if their own problems may be aired and sympathy received.

The mature adult, however, has thoroughly altered the original pattern of dependence and self-interest. He can get along with different kinds of people in many situations. He may make enough money to care for his family and contribute elsewhere, too; there may be a free night when he can teach boys and girls to play basketball; or the neighbor may need a load of washing put through while she is having a baby. The most mature of all is the adult who is so aware of others and can imagine himself in their predicament so vividly that he must help, even though it means less comfort for himself.

Does this sound like ideal-smashing? The sophomore would rebel at attending daily sermons—in fact he "grouses" often enough at academic lectures. But he may be surprised to learn that a fundamental fact in the psychology he is studying agrees with a basic Christian tenet which, instead of tearing down his home-spun web of ideas, should help him spin a balanced philosophy of life.

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The surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we appear to be.—Socrates.

New Convertible From England

A striking new convertible, with many unusual features and exceptional highway performance, has just been introduced into this country by The Austin Motor Company of England. This model has a one-piece curved windshield, and visibility is so good that the driver can see both front fenders, making the car easier and safer to operate. Known as the "Atlantic," this new convertible has push button controls for the top and windows, a steering wheel adjustable for reach and leather upholstry. Road tests indicate that the 2,900-pound "Atlantic," with its very high compression ratio of 7.5 to 1, will go more than 90 miles an hour. It is expected that the new model will get about 22 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Soft Life Proves Hard Knock For Dogs

That pooch who has to dig or beg for its daily bone may not be so bad off, after all.

In fact, its seemingly more fortunate relatives who manage to land in the lap of luxury, with cream puffs and chocolate drops to tempt their whims, are living foolishly and dangerously.

That is the consensus of dog-health authorities, the American Veterinary Medical Association said this week, following a review of reports that indicated an upswing in the prevalence of neurotic ills and diabetes in dogs.

Veterinarians in the United States and England who have studied the problem of canine mental upsets are convinced that overbearing owners who insist on having their dogs live "almost like people" are doing inestimable harm to the mental and physical health of the entire species, the AVMA reported.

Forced into a supervised routine where it cannot escape human domination, the dog will adapt itself to the moods and peculiarities of its owner. If the "boss" is mean or jittery, the chances are better than average that the animal will develop some of these traits.

Likewise, the dog which practically lives in its owner's lap is liable to get a health-wrecking diet, especially if it acquires a fondness for pastries and candy, as many do. Too much of that kind of food, replacing part of the required meat-protein intake, is blamed for an apparent increase in the number of canine diabetes cases. This disease, comparable with the diabetes occurring in man, strikes at the age of 6 years or over, ordinarily. The animal tires easily, becomes weak, and develops an abnormal appetite for food and water yet loses weight steadily.

Cats, on the other hand, do not swoon to luxury as readily as dogs, and, therefore, have a better chance of escaping some of these ills, the AVMA observed. Cats willingly accept the comfort man provides, but they draw the line when it comes to mirroring his eccentricities and following his diet.

Esther Henriksen To Wed Glenn Iddings

GRASS VALLEY: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Henriksen of Kendall Court have announced the betrothal of their eldest daughter, Esther Edanna to Glenn Iddings of Petaluma, Sonoma County.

The bridegroom-to-be graduated from the University of California in 1947 and is now a chemist in the radiation laboratory at Berkeley.

Miss Henriksen graduated from the Grass Valley High School in 1944 and has just completed her nurse's training in Highland Hospital, Oakland. The couple expects to wed next August.

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SUMMONS
No. 9102

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ANCHO ERIE MINING CO., a corporation,

Plaintiff

vs.

HARRY W. OVERMAN, FRED L. MORRIS, ANCHO MINING & MILLING COMPANY, a corporation, ANCHO GOLD MINING COMPANY, a corporation, YELLOW TIGER CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY, a corporation, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto,

Defendants

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada, and the Complaint filed in the office of Clerk of said County of Nevada.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO:

Harry W. Overman, Fred L. Morris, Ancho Mining & Milling Company, a corporation, Ancho Gold Mining Company, a corporation, Yellow Tiger Consolidated Mining Company, a corporation, also all other persons unknown, claiming any right title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

Your are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the above entitled court by the above entitled plaintiff for the purpose of determining all adverse claims to and clouds upon the title to all that certain real property situate in the County of Nevada, State of California, particularly described as follows:

The Edison Quartz Lode Mining Claim, being Lot No. 64, embracing a portion of Section 21. Township 18 North, Range 11 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, being more particularly described in the Patent from the United States of America to George Mainhart, dated December 16, 1896, recorded April 26, 1900, in Book 4 of Patents, at page 29.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Nevada, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

You are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgement for any money or damages demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or plaintiff will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, this 3rd day of September, A. D. 1948.

R. E. DEEBLE
Clerk
By JOHN SBAFFI
Deputy Clerk

(seal)

WM. J. CASSETTARI,
Attorney for Plaintiff
Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION
No. 9115

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In the Matter of the Adoption of LAURITA CLAUDINE STOVER, A Minor.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

To PAUL LESLIE STOVER:

By order of this Court you are hereby cited and required to appear before the Judge of this Court, in the Court House in the County of Nevada, State of California, at the Court Room, on the 4th day of March, 1949, at 10 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said adoption should not be granted according to the petition filed herein.

WITNESS the Honorable Judge of said Superior Court of the State of California, County of Nevada.

ATTESTED by my hand and the seal of said Superior Court, this 29th day of November, 1948.

R. E. DEEBLE, County Clerk
By JOHN SBAFFI, Deputy

FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
Attorney for Petitioner
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13. 20, 27

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4906

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administration at the law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, Attorney at Law, 232 Broad Street, Nevada City, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1948.

LEW E. WANAMAKE
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FRANK G. FINNEGAN
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Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

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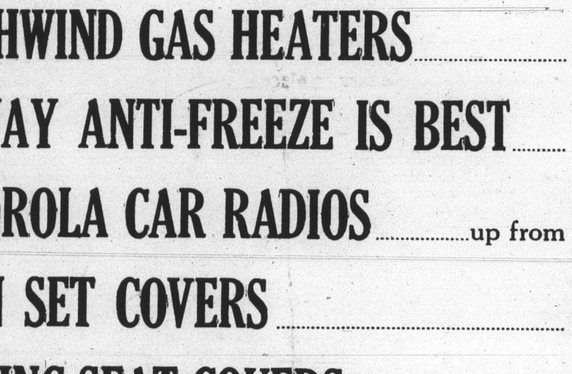

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Veterans' News

Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at 60 per cent or more have been given additional time to submit evidence of dependents which will entitle them to increased allowances, the Veterans Administration announced today.

The new law, which became effective September 1, required eligible veterans to submit proof of dependents within three months.

In order to give veterans time to obtain certified copies of birth or marriage certificates, or acceptable proof of relationship and dependency in the case of parents, the VA has now extended the time limit until February 1, 1949.

Veterans who have any questions regarding the new law are urged to contact the nearest VA office, service organization or county service officer.

For a veteran rated totally disabled due to war service, the new law provides the following dependency allowances: wife but no child, $21; wife and one child, $35; wife and two children, $45.50; wife and three or more children, $56; no wife but one child, $14; no wife but two children, $24.50; no wife but three or more children, $35, plus $17.50 for each dependent parent.

Veterans with ratings of 60 per cent or more for war service, but less than 100 per cent, will receive proportionate amounts of the foregoing rates, based on the percentage of their disabilities. Thus, a veteran with 60 per cent disability and wife only will be entitled to 60 per cent of $21, or $12.60.

Comparable rates for peacetime service-connected, total disability are: wife but no child, $16.80; wife and one child, $28; wife and two children, $36.40; wife and three or more children, $44.80; no wife but one child, $11.20; no wife but two children, $19.60; no wife but three or more children, $28; plus $14 for each dependent parent.

Proportionate entitlement, from 60 per cent upward, will be figured on the same basis as in the preceding example.

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The average veteran of World War II is 30 years old and the average age of World War I veterans is now 55, the Veterans Administration reports.

Using Bureau of the Census survivor tables, VA estimates that in the year 2000 there will be more than three and a quarter million living World War II veterans.

The same tables indicate that the number of living World War I veterans will have dwindled to 3,000 in the year 1995, VA says.

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Although veterans have the right to apply for compensation at any time during their lives, the number of living veterans on VA compensation and pension rolls has decreased during each of the past 17 months. From May, 1947 to October, 1948, there was a decrease of some 63,000 cases.

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Question: When a veteran secures a loan under the G-I Bill, does the government make an outright payments on it without charging the veteran anything?

Answer: Yes, VA pays the lender, for credit to the veteran's loan, an amount equal to 4 per cent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. For example, if the guaranteed portion of the loan is $4,000, the lender will receive $160 from VA to credit to the debt of the veteran.

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Question: I am a World War II veteran and wish to go in business. Must I have experience in the business in order to get a G-I loan?

Answer: Experience is an important element in the success of the average business. You should be able to show a reasonable expectation of success in your venture in order to get your loan.

Question: Must a disabled veteran go to a vocational school or may he go to a liberal arts college, a high school, or similar institution under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act?

Answer: He may enroll in any VA-approved educational institution or training establishment offering the course of training which VA has found he needs to insure his proper rehabilitation in line with his own desires.

Question: My brother, a disabled World War II veteran, is being rehabilitated under Public Law 16. Must he find his own job or will VA do this?

Answer: Veterans Administration will help your brother look for a job after he finishes his training.

FATHER SERRA'S BIBLE ON CARAVAN TOUR

SAN FRANCISCO: The book most treasured by the founder of the California missions alongside of a beautiful example of the handicraft of Indians for whose christianization the famed missions were established are among the rare objects being assembled here by the California Centennials Commission.

They will be included in the exhibits of an Historical Caravan soon to go on a statewide tour.

The rare volume is the personal bible of Father Junipero Serra who established the mission system in 1769 while serving as spiritual guide of Don Gaspar de Portola's expedition that led to the first colonization of California.

It is a small, leather-bound bible printed in Latin that was published in France in 1851. Known to have ben used by Father Serra at Carmel Mission, it bears a few words in the noted Franciscan's handwriting.

Serra's bible was loaned to the California Centennials Commission by the Sutro Branch of the California State Library. It was originally presented to Adolph Sutro, famed San Francisco financier, by Padre A. D. Casanova.

In vivid contrast to the holy book is a delicate feathered basket fashioned by Pomo Indians. This colorful example of Indian handicraft skill is a small round basket measuring 5½ inches in diameter and 2½ inches in height. Inside one sees an unusually symmetrical and close grass weave while the entire outer surface is covered with a soft velvet-like layer of blue, yellow and green bird feathers. The well-preserved basket, which dates back several hundred years, is also decorated with intricate abalone-shell pendants. It was made available to the Historical Caravan by the Southwest Museum at Highland Park, Los Angeles.

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By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.—Proverbs 22:4.

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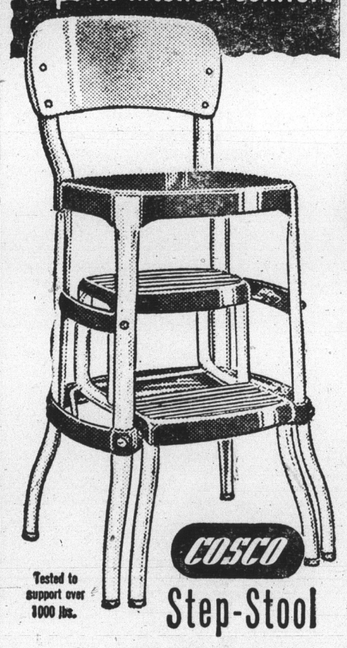

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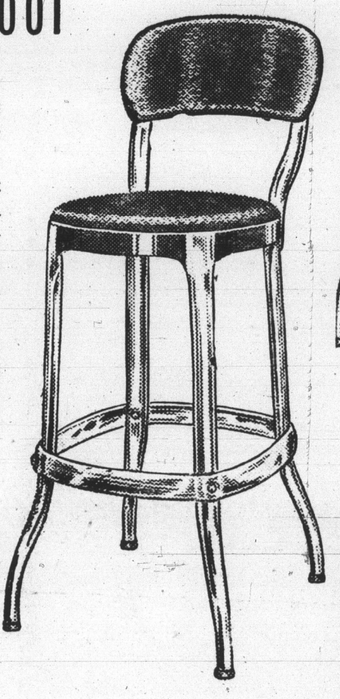

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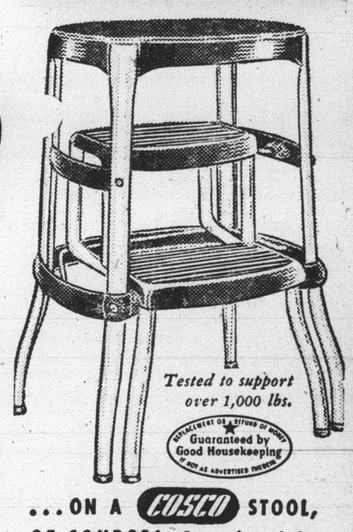

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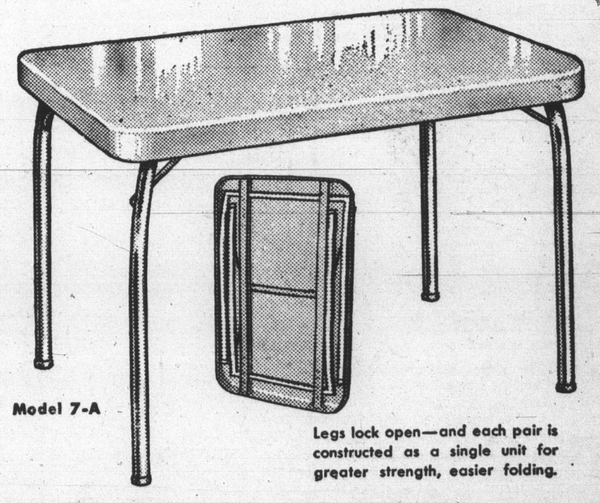

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Nurse Falls, Hurts Back; X-Rays Reveal Broken Vertebrae

NEVADA CITY: Mrs. Louise Gonzales, a nurse in the Nevada County Hospital, is suffering from a severe fall that occured just outside her home on Coyote Street.

An x-ray revealed a broken vertebrae in her lower back, but another is soon to be taken to determine whether this is a new break or the scar of one broken in a bus collision in 1'11.

Aid To Aged Includes 638, Costs $38,357

NEVADA CITY: Nevada County's aged aid rolls included 638 people during October, compared with 638 for September, 1948, and 576 for October, 1947, California Taxpayers' association reported today.

Cost of aid to the aged in the county for October was $38,357, compared with $35,520 for September, 1948, and $32,079 for October, 1947.

Aid to the aged throughout the state went up a maximum of $5 per month on October 1, rising from a top of $60 to $65.

Throughout the state, there were 193,717 people on the aid to the needy aged rolls during October, compared with 192,186 for September, and 178,071 for October, 1947.

Payments to the needy aged in California totalled $11,865,648 during October, up $873,190 from the $10,992,458 total cost for September, and $1,692,132 higher than the $10,173,516 total payments for October, a year ago.

Increase in cost to the people of aid to the aged for October over that for September is the result of the $5 increase in maximum payment coupled with the ever-increasing numbers of people who, under present law, are eligible for aid as needy aged.

Decrease in age limits, increase in amount of payments, further liberalization of property ownership, and elimination of any requirement that responsible relatives care for the needy members of their families, such as are included in Proposition No. 4, would greatly increase the cost of aged aid to the people of California.

"New taxes or increased taxes in California are inevitable, if Proposition No. 4 is not wiped out of the California Constitution," the Taxpayers' association warned.

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The sharp experiences of belief in the suppostitious life of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless woes, turn us like tired children to the arms of divine Love.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

-:- Gold Digger's Trail -:-

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The afternoon was bitterly cold, and a strong wind was blowing across the pampas. Soon I said farewell to the little huddle of stone huts which had been home for three months, with a strange feeling of nostalgia. From now on I was on my own, and would not hear the English language spoken for several months. This did not bother me particularly for by now I was quite fluent in Spanish, but in the country whither I was going, even Spanish was of little use, because the Quichua dialect is almost universal among the little villages of the southeast.

About six o'clock we dropped down into the valley of the river, and immediately felt warmer. The bare and treeless pampas was replaced by steep hillsides covered with scrubby, twisted trees somewhat resembling our black oak and buckeye trees in foliage. Tropical birds were just seeking their rest, and night fell upon us before I reached the town of Sanyaica. Hospitality was not lacking, however, and after a warm dinner, I pitched my cot and slept in the patio of the house.

Next morning we were up early and out on the trail, which wound back and forth in dizzy zigzags down the canyon to the Challhuanca river. Warm and pleasant as the atmosphere was, one could hardly realize that but a few short leagues above lay the cold and desolate country of the last few months. My mule was good and did not need too much urging, the surrounding scenery was beautiful, and the deep cut gorge furnished much food for thought in the way of geological structure. Little parties of Quichuas, on their way up and down the river, greeted one pleasantly enough. The reflection that there were two hundred and fifty miles of this sort of travel ahead of me was very comforting. That night we reached the smiling hacienda country of the Pachechaca river, of which he Challhuanca is a confluent. I stopped at the hacienda of Amoray, a sugar plantation owned by one Don Antonio Trelles, who proved an excellent host. He informed me that he was going down river in a few days and might overtake me, as he was travelling light, without baggage.

The following morning saw us climbing the trail a thousand feet or more above the Pachechaca, whose luxuriant and beautiful valley lay outstretched before us. Many acres of sugar cane and maize, carefully tended by peons, would indicate the proximity of a hacienda long before one saw in the distance the low, rambling buildings of the sugar factory, distillery and store-rooms, whose brightly tiled roofs were joined by those of the stables, kitchens and living rooms around a central patio which mark the typical "estancia" of the country.

At Casanchiva, well down on the Pachechaca, a feast day was in progress and most of the peons were drunk. My welcome at the hacienda here was hospitable, although I had no letters of introduction, and put me in mind of the tales of hospitality in Spanish California during pioneer days—tales that my father and grandfather had told me of their experiences, which had unconsciously given me a very friendly feeling toward all Latin Americans, which remains unshaken today.

Before retiring in a room off the main enclosure, which was surrounded by a high brick wall, my host came with me to see that I had all that was needful for the night, and warned me not to go outside my door after midnight. The reason was that the watchdog was loose, to prevent depredations from the hilarious peons outside. I asked him what the watchdog would do if he caught any marauders. He shrugged his shoulders and remarked, "There were two last week. We buried them." When I saw the dog in the morning, chained to a heavy pillar with links of half inch wrought iron, I could well believe it, for he looked like the Hound of the Baskervilles. Tusks which he bared at me were about four inches long, and he must have weighed well over two hundred pounds. Only one man was allowed to feed him and leash and unleash the beast.

Next day I rode down the Pachechaca, past the smiling lands of the Carolina rancho and across the turbulent stream of Yaco, where my mule missed his footing and almost carried me down stream with him. Somewhat wet and bedraggled, I lunched at Itucunga, where my hosts asked me if I were married, as I thought—"Casado" being the word. On my reply that I was not and had no desire to be, they burst out laughing. It seems that they had asked me if I were hunting—"Cazando." We opened another bottle on that one, and with a jovial farewell they sped me to my night's destination—the hacienda of Patbamba.

Here I had letters of introduction, and my host insisted on my staying over a day and resting my sore-backed mount. Time passed very agreeably in his company, and I heard many interesting stories and traditions of Peru and her sister countries.

An Italian born, he had seen much of the world, spoke six languages, and was a very well-read man. His wife was an attractive German lady, and two young daughters played marvelously well on a wonderful old square piano. My host was more or less typical of many of these owners of large estates in the inland rivers of Peru. A state of society exists here whose hospitality and gracious living can only be compared to that which was in California a hundred or more years ago. Nowadays, however, the sons and daughters of these houses seek their education in Europe—or rather, they did before the days of war.

(To be continued)

OUR STATE GOVERNMENT

By GEORGE R. REILLY

California will soon be observing the centennial of the establishment of constitutional government in our rich and beautiful state.

John Marshall's discovery of gold in January of 1848 has been appropriately commemorated at Coloma; San Francisco's observance of the anniversary of Don Gaspar de Portola's trek up the California coast to the Golden Gate has gone down in history as one of our most colorful civic celebrations; and now our thoughts turn to the coming celebrations of the constitutional convention of 1849 and the achievement of statehood in 1850.

California was admitted to the Union as the thirty-first state on September 9, 1850. No doubt when the one hundredth anniversary of that date rolls around—and it is very close—the noise we Californians make will be heard around the world.

But there are several dates of special significance whose centennial is even closer.

One might say that legal American rule began in California on April 12, 1849 although the American flag had been raised several a succession of military governna succession of military governnors. On the above mentioned date Brig -Gen. Bennett Riley landed at the port of Monterey with a brigade of troops.

General Riley had instructions from the secretary of war in Washington to assume the office of military and civil governor of California.

He arrived when the gold rush was at its height and his troops soon deserted him. General Riley consequently was in no position to emphasize the military aspects of his governorship since he had no troops to enforce his laws. Perforce he soft-pedalled the military part of his powers and put into effect a form of civil government.

He issued a proclamation declaring that the laws of California which were not inconsistent with the constitution and treaties of the United States would remain in effect until they were legally repealed. The only way they could be repealed legally was to set up constitutional government in the area.

To set up constitutional government the first need was a constitution. Governor Riley ordered an election to select delegates to a constitutional convention. He set August 1, 1849, as the date of the election. The area—it was neither a state nor a territory at the time—was divided into ten districts for the election of 37 delegates.

When the constitutional convention was called to order in Colton Hall, Monterey, on September 1, 1849, there were 48 delegates instead of 37 Some of the districts felt that they deserved more representation and had proceeded to elect extra delegates. All 48 were seated.

Of the 48 delegates, 14 were lawyers, 12 farmers, seven merchants and the remainder had miscellaneous professions. As the great historian Hubert Howe Bancroft observes, however, their variety of professions did not prevent many of them from being temporarily miners, men who gave up time from the gold diggings at considerable personal sacrifice to set up a civil government for California.

In a little over a month's time the delegates put together a constitution which provided for the election of executive, legislative and judicial officials and the creation of a system of taxation and a public school system. The first public school in California after the American occupation had previously opened in April of 1848 on Portsmouth Square in San Francisco but with the adoption of the constitution the following year our school system began to flourish.

After the constitution had been signed on October 13, 1849, General Riley put up $10,000 from civil funds to have it printed Time was of the essence since only a month intervened between the convention's adoption of the constitution and the election at which the people of the state would vote to ratify or reject it. A courier was dispatched posthaste from Monterey to the nearest printer, in San Francisco. One thousand bound copies were printed in English and 250 in Spanish.

Apparently the printer did a quick job, for Bancroft writes that "In a few days the constitution was carried to every mining camp and rancho in the land."

It was adopted by the people at the election of November 13, 1849 by a vote of 12,064 to 811

NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM SPEEDS CARDS TO CAR OWNERS

SACRAMENTO: Every effort will be made to get a potential registration card into possession of every registered motor vehicle owner in California in time for the 1949 enewal period, January 3, through February 4, A. H. Henderson, Director of Motor Vehicles, announced today.

"We want every registered owner to have the opportunity of enjoying the faster, more efficient service which these potential registration cards afford," Henderson said.

The California Vehicle Code defines the potential as a document issued toward the close of one year which upon proper validation becomes the registration card for the ensuing year. The Department will begin mailing these cards December 15th.

If presented at any office of the Department of Motor Vehicles with a fee payment, the potential will be validated and returned to the owner immediately along with a set of 1949 tabs, thus completing his renewal for next year. No registration document will be mailed later, as in past years.

"It is essential that motorists preserve their potential registration cards until time to use them during the renewal period," Henderson said. "It will be possible to renew on a 1948 registration card but immediate service will not be possible.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Lillian Faup

NEVADA CITY: Funeral services took place in Holmes Funeral Home Wednesday at 2 P. M. for Mrs. Lillian Faup, wife of Washington Faup, owner of Faup's Restaurant on South Pine Street.

Rev. Donald Getty and the Eastern Star were in charge of the services. The remains were cremated.

Mrs. Faup died of a heart attack Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M. The Faups came from Sacramento where Mr. Faup was for some time chef of the Senator Hotel in Sacramento. Mrs. Faup was an active member of Evangeline Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving Mrs. Faup besides her husband are her sisters, Mrs. Esther Jarvis of Nevada City; Mrs. Jane Cox, Canada; Mrs. Maria Haigh, England; and a brother, Joseph Emmiett of Montreal, Canada.

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State Social Security Officials To Meet With Board Of Supervisors

NEVADA CITY: C. M. Wallenberg of the state department of social security has written County Clerk Ralph E. Deeble to arrange a meeting between the department and the county board of supervisors on December 10th.

The meeting is called to discuss a contract arrangement with the county to continue issuing old age payments pending the establishment of state machinery to handle the job, under Proposition 4, voted into effect November 2nd.

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Grass Valley Schools Start Half Hour Later

GRASS VALLEY: Gilbert Tennis, superintendent of Grass Valley schools, announced recently that all busses carrying school children will begin their routes a half hour later.

High school sessions will begin 20 minutes later at 9 A. M. and elementary schools a half hour later at 9:30 A. M. The dark morning hours are the reason for the changes.

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Invite your friends to visit Nevada County.

CHRONIC NON-PROVIDER

NEVADA CITY: Arol Stromberg, 38, who pleaded guilty recently to failure to provide and was granted probation, is back in jail again charged with violating the conditions of his probation. He failed to send his wife any money after promising to do so.

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ROBERTS — In Nevada City, December 2, 1948, Fern Roberts against O. B. Roberts; siut filed; cruelty.

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